

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

Title of Invention	ELECTRO-SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH REPLACEABLE END-EFFECTORS AND INHIBITED SURFACE CONDUCTION
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As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
- ☒ Application No. 10/611,411, filed on June 30, 2003,
- ☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

Inventor 1 SCOTT MANZO Date: _____

Signature: _____ Citizen of: United States

Inventor 2 JOSEPH P. ORBAN, III Date: _____

Signature: _____ Citizen of: United States

Inventor 3 ANDRIS RAMANS Date: 1/6/04

Signature: [Signature] Citizen of: United States

Inventor 4 MATT WILLIAMS Date: 11/24/03

Signature: [Signature] Citizen of: United States

☐ Additional inventors are being named on additional form(s) attached hereto.



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Inventor 1 SCOTT MANZO Date: 12/23/03
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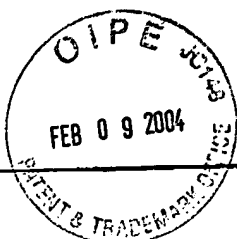
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POWER OF ATTORNEY and CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS INDICATION FORM	Application Number	10/G11,411
	Filing Date	June 30, 2003
	First Named Inventor	MANZO, SCOTT
	Title	Electro-Surgical Instrument with Replaceable End-Effectors and Inhibited Surface Conduction
	Art Unit	3731
	Examiner Name	
	Attorney Docket Number	017516-009700US

I hereby appoint:

☒ Practitioners associated with the Customer Number

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OR

☐ Practitioner(s) named below:

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as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I am the:

☐ Applicant/Inventor.

☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name	Susan Barnes, CEO		
Signature			
Date	1/21/04	Telephone	408-523-2160

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Scott Manzo et al.Application No./Patent No.: 10/611,411 Filed/Issue Date: June 30, 2003Entitled: ELECTRO-SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH REPLACEABLE END-EFFECTORS AND INHIBITED SURFACE CONDUCTION

Intuitive Surgical, Inc. a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.
The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, SCOTT MANZO of 272 East Village Road, Shelton, CT 06484; JOSEPH P. ORBAN III of 42 Winfield Street, Norwalk, CT 06855; ANDRIS RAMANS of 684 Durshire Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087; MATT WILLIAMS of 1124 Maggie Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94597 hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: ELECTRO-SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH
REPLACEABLE END-EFFECTORS AND INHIBITED
SURFACE CONDUCTION

Date(s) of execution of Declaration:

Filing Date: June 30, 2003

Application No.: 10/611,411; and

WHEREAS, Intuitive Surgical, Inc., a corporation of the state of Delaware, located at 950 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignors hereby authorize and request Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: 12/23/03


SCOTT MANZO

Dated: 12.23.03


JOSEPH P. ORBAN III

Dated: 1/6/04


ANDRIS RAMANS

Dated: 11/24/03


MATT WILLIAMS